

Oliver Twist



Charles Dickens

- He was an English novelist, generally considered the greatest of the Victorian period. Dickens's works are characterized by attacks on social evils, injustice, and hypocrisy. He had also experienced in his youth oppression, when he was forced to end school in early teens and work in a factory. Dickens's good, bad, and comic characters, such as the cruel miser Scrooge, the aspiring novelist David Copperfield, or the trusting and innocent Mr. Pickwick, have fascinated generations of readers.
- *Oliver Twist* is about a boy born in the workhouse for the poor. Some of the boys make him ask for more food. As the result, Oliver is then sold. Suffering terrible cruelty, he runs away and joins a young criminal who teaches him how to steal wallets. The general theme of the novel is that of selfishness and dishonesty as most people take advantage of Oliver. Few people show him love and kindness.

Vocabulary

- ▣ **WORKHOUSE** was a place where those unable to support themselves were offered accommodation and employment.
- ▣ **THE BOARD** – a committee.
- ▣ **THE BEADLE** - a minor official who carries out various civil, educational, or ceremonial duties.
- ▣ **AN ORPHAN** - a person, especially a minor, both or (rarely) one of whose parents have died.
- ▣ **AN APPRENTICE** - learner, starter, beginner, greenhorn: John served as an apprentice in the soap factory.
- ▣ **A COFFIN** - casket, pall, (pine) box; sarcophagus: The coffin was slowly lowered into the grave.

Match the columns to make idioms and give
Russian equivalents

1. call
2. for God's
3. out of the
4. hold

- a) question
- b) your tongue
- c) sake
- d) names



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Choose A, B or C for the following questions

▣ **Each mealtime, the boys ...**

- A) were happy to get one spoonful of gruel.
- B) had to wash their bowls and spoons.
- C) wanted to eat more.

▣ **Before they could eat, the boys had to ...**

- A) take their chairs to the table.
- B) say a prayer of thanks.
- C) serve out the food.

▣ **When Oliver asked for more, the master ...**

- A) turned white with fear.
- B) gave him another portion of food.
- C) was shocked.

▣ **How did the main character get his name?**

- A) It was the name of his grandfather.
- B) Mr. Bumble invented his name.
- C) Oliver's mother had named him before she died.

▣ **Mr. Bumble supposed that Oliver became violent and beat Noah because**

- A) he turned mad.
- B) he was overfed with meat.
- C) he stood for the name of his mother.

Put the events in the correct order.

- A. In the morning there was a loud noise at the shop door.
- B. Mr Sowerberry punished Oliver to keep his wife happy.
- C. Oliver became a delightful mute to attend children funerals.
- D. Oliver was chosen to ask for more food.
- E. Mr Sowerberry took Oliver to live and work with him.
- F. Oliver picked out the oakum from the old ropes.
- G. The governors offered five pounds to anyone who would take Oliver away and put him to work.
- H. When Oliver was nine he was sent to the workhouse.
- I. Oliver beat Noah.

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